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## **OFFICIAL WARNING**

Re: Reference number TX11327-AC

Dear Sir or Madam:

### **Why You Are Receiving This Letter**

We believe that you violated the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. § 2131 et seq.) (AWA), as described in the attached Official Warning. Our agency, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), is responsible for enforcing the AWA, and other agriculture laws that help prevent the spread of animal and plant pests and diseases, and ensure the welfare of animals.


After providing you with an opportunity for a hearing, we may impose civil penalties of up to \$10,000, or other sanctions, for each violation described in this Official Warning. Although we generally pursue penalties for this type of violation(s), we have decided not to pursue penalties in this instance so long as you comply, in the future, with laws that APHIS enforces.

### **Consequences Of Continuing Non-Compliance**

If you violate laws that APHIS enforces in the future, we may pursue criminal penalties, or we may pursue civil penalties for the violations described in this Official Warning, in addition to any penalties we may pursue for any future violations.

### **What To Do If You Have Questions**

If you have any questions concerning this Official Warning, contact Deirdre Jarvis at (301) 851-2741 or call our main office number at (301) 851-2948.

<p>UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE</p>  <p><b>OFFICIAL WARNING</b> <b>VIOLATION OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS</b></p>		<p><b>CASE NUMBER:</b> TX11327-AC</p>
	<p><b>VIOLATOR:</b> Serengeti Resort, LLC</p>	
	<p><b>ADDRESS</b> (<i>Street, City, State, ZIP Code</i>): 408 Fuller Road Bergheim, TX 78004-1920</p>	
<p>The U.S. Department of Agriculture has evidence that on or about the date(s) listed below, you or your organization committed the following violation(s) of Federal Regulations:</p> <p><b>Date of Violation: February 3, 2011 and March 15, 2011</b></p> <p><b>9 C.F.R. § 3.127(b)</b> Facilities, outdoors. Shelter from inclement weather.</p> <p>Serengeti Resorts LLC failed to provide adequate shelter and heat supply to a young male giraffe during sub-freezing temperatures. On the dates of inspection, the heat source for the un-insulated barn was not adequate to heat the barn to a normally accepted husbandry standard for housing giraffes during cold weather.</p> <p>(b) Shelter from inclement weather. Natural and artificial shelter appropriate to the local climatic conditions for the species concerned shall be provided for all animals kept outdoors to afford them protection and to prevent discomfort to such animals. Individual animals shall be acclimated before they are exposed to the extremes of the individual climate.</p>		
<p>The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) created federal regulations to ensure the welfare of animals and help prevent the spread of animal and plant pests and diseases. Since violations of the regulations can have serious and costly impacts that are detrimental to the public interest, APHIS is providing you with an Official Warning for the violation(s) described above. Any further violation of these federal regulations may result in the assessment of a civil penalty, criminal prosecution, or other sanctions. If you have any questions concerning this Official Warning or violation(s), please contact the APHIS official listed in this notice.</p>		
<p><b>APHIS OFFICIAL (Name):</b> Robert J. Huttenlocker</p>	<p><b>OFFICE ADDRESS:</b> 4700 River Road, Unit 85 Riverdale, MD 20737</p>	
<p><b>APHIS OFFICIAL (Title):</b> Director, Investigative and Enforcement Services</p>	<p><b>DATE ISSUED:</b> 4/24/2012</p>	<p><b>TELEPHONE NUMBER:</b> (301) 851-2948</p>